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**AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.312  
AND**

**APPLICANTS' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF EXAMINER COMMUNICATIONS**

Dear Sir/Madam:

In an Office Action mailed 14 December 2005, Applicants received a Notice of Allowance notifying them that the above-identified application has been allowed. Consequently, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.312 (Rule 312), Applicants request entry of the following amendments, all of which were discussed with the Examiner during a telephone conversation on or about 6 December 2005. The amendments consist of: (1) minor revisions to dependent claims 139, 158, 162 and 171; and (2) revisions to the ABSTRACT and SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION sections so that they comport with the invention as claimed.

Because the claims amended herein are only dependent claims, the amendments neither affect the overall scope of the claims nor require any substantial work on the part of the Patent Office. Applicants

*Rule 312 Amendment*

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respectfully ask the Patent Office to enter the following amendments without withdrawing the application from issue.

Furthermore, in response to the *Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review*, Applicants submit herewith a new set of formal drawings. This new set of drawings contains the corrections to Figures 2A, 2B, 8, 9 and 12-22 requested by the Draftsperson.

As required by Rule 312, Applicants hereby file this *Rule 312 Amendment* before or with the payment of the issue fee.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH EXAMINER**

In addition, the undersigned formally acknowledges several telephone conversations had with the Examiner at the latter's initiative concerning the status of the application inclusive of the patentability of the claims. These conversations occurred on or about the 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2005 and the 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2005, all of which for the purpose of formalizing an *Examiner's Amendment* for independent claims 99, 117, 140, 163 and 172. During those conversations, the Examiner required Applicants to submit a document in which they summarized the patentable differences between their claims and the disclosures of certain U.S. patents. The Examiner incorporated this summary in the *Examiner's Amendment*, which is part of the aforementioned *Notice of Allowance* (see ¶ 7).